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Case No. 802-04RE

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventors: Brenner

Serial No: 09/366,081

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Title: COMPOSITIONS FOR SORTING POLYNUCLEOTIDES

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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated 24 January 2001, Applicant has filed a Continuing Prosecution Application and respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered prior to examination.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

1. Please amend the paragraph in column 15, lines 1-21, as follows:

"Preferably, when the population of polynucleotides is messenger RNA (mRNA), oligonucleotides tags are attached by reverse transcribing the mRNA with a set of primers containing complements of tag sequences. An exemplary set of such primers could have the following sequence:

5' - mRNA- [A]_n - 3'
[T]₁₉GG[W, W, W, C]₉ACCAGCTGATC-5' - biotin

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